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**RE: NOTICE OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST  
FOIA FILE NO.: P456023**

Dear Mr. Sinyangwe:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act ("Act") request. It was determined that you are seeking:

*"The number of use of force incidents by type of force used in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, separated by year... (Please see request for details listed 1-3 and reference P452723)."*

The Chicago Police Department is now responding to your request. Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. The use of Force Incidents Report can be provided to you, however, please be advised that the Chicago Police Department has redacted certain information, as explained further below.

Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines "private information" as follows:

"Private information" means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, *home or personal telephone numbers*, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes *home address* and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person. In addition, signatures are unique identifiers and, therefore, an exempt form of private information."

Therefore, signatures were properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b).

The available redacted record you have requested is enclosed. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at the email address listed below.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois

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Attorney General, 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706, (877)299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the Cook County Circuit Court under 5 ILCS 140/11.

Sincerely,

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